



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2023 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN REID and
MELISSA GOUDEAU,

Defendants.

CR 2:23-cr-00391-JAK

I N D I C T M E N T

[21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl; 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi), (viii), (b)(1)(B)(vi), (b)(1)(C): Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl and Methamphetamine]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. § 846]

[ALL DEFENDANTS]

A. OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about June 7, 2023, in Ventura County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants STEPHEN REID and MELISSA GOUDEAU conspired with each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute at least 40 grams of

1 a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-
2 [1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide ("fentanyl"), in
3 violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1),
4 (b)(1)(B)(vi).

5 B. MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

6 The objects of the conspiracy were to be accomplished, in
7 substance, as follows:

8 1. Defendant GOUDEAU would arrange to sell fentanyl to drug
9 customers located in the Central District of California, including
10 Ventura, California.

11 2. Defendant GOUDEAU would discuss the price of fentanyl with
12 defendant REID, and defendant REID would supply defendant GOUDEAU
13 with fentanyl to sell to drug customers.

14 3. Defendant GOUDEAU would then transport and sell the
15 fentanyl that defendant REID provided to drug customers.

16 C. OVERT ACTS

17 In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its objects,
18 on or about the following dates, defendants REID and GOUDEAU, and
19 others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed various overt
20 acts within the Central District of California and elsewhere,
21 including, but not limited to, the following:

22 Overt Act No. 1: On March 26, 2023, in a phone call using
23 coded language, defendant GOUDEAU arranged to sell approximately 25
24 grams of fentanyl to a person defendant GOUDEAU believed to be a drug
25 customer, but who was, in fact, a confidential source working with
26 law enforcement ("Confidential Source 1").
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1 Overt Act No. 2: On or before March 26, 2023, defendant
2 GOUDEAU contacted defendant REID to coordinate the price of
3 approximately 25 grams of fentanyl.

4 Overt Act No. 3: On March 26, 2023, defendant GOUDEAU called
5 Confidential Source 1 and stated the purchase price of the 25 grams
6 of fentanyl would be \$800 because the quality had gone up.

7 Overt Act No. 4: On March 28, 2023, defendant GOUDEAU drove
8 to defendant REID's residence and obtained approximately 25.025 grams
9 of a mixture and substance containing fentanyl from defendant REID to
10 sell to Confidential Source 1.

11 Overt Act No. 5: On March 28, 2023, defendant GOUDEAU sold
12 approximately 25.025 grams of a mixture and substance containing
13 fentanyl to Confidential Source 1 for \$800.

14 Overt Act No. 6: In April and May 2023, via phone calls using
15 coded language, defendant GOUDEAU arranged to sell fentanyl that was
16 supplied by defendant REID to Confidential Source 1.

17 Overt Act No. 7: On May 3, 2023, defendant REID delivered
18 approximately 37.5 grams of a mixture and substance containing
19 fentanyl to defendant GOUDEAU so that defendant GOUDEAU could sell
20 the fentanyl to Confidential Source 1.

21 Overt Act No. 8: On May 3, 2023, defendant GOUDEAU sold
22 approximately 37.5 grams of a mixture and substance containing
23 fentanyl that was supplied by defendant REID to Confidential Source 1
24 for \$1,100.

25 Overt Act No. 9: In June 2023, via phone calls using coded
26 language, defendant GOUDEAU arranged to sell fentanyl that was
27 supplied by defendant REID to Confidential Source 1.
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1 Overt Act No. 10: On June 7, 2023, defendant GOUDEAU drove to
2 defendant REID's residence and obtained approximately 50 grams of a
3 mixture and substance containing fentanyl to sell to Confidential
4 Source 1.

5 Overt Act No. 11: On June 7, 2023, defendant GOUDEAU sold
6 approximately 50 grams of a mixture and substance containing fentanyl
7 to Confidential Source 1 for \$1,550.

COUNT TWO

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C); 18 U.S.C. § 2(a)]

[ALL DEFENDANTS]

On or about March 28, 2023, in Ventura County, within the Central District of California, defendants STEPHEN REID and MELISSA GOUDEAU, each aiding and abetting the other, knowingly and intentionally distributed approximately 25 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

COUNT THREE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C); 18 U.S.C. § 2(a)]

[ALL DEFENDANTS]

On or about May 3, 2023, in Ventura County, within the Central District of California, defendants STEPHEN REID and MELISSA GOUDEAU, each aiding and abetting the other, knowingly and intentionally distributed approximately 37.5 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

COUNT FOUR

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vi); 18 U.S.C. § 2(a)]

[ALL DEFENDANTS]

On or about June 7, 2023, in Ventura County, within the Central District of California, defendants STEPHEN REID and MELISSA GOUDEAU, each aiding and abetting the other, knowingly and intentionally distributed at least 40 grams, that is, approximately 50 grams, of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

COUNT FIVE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi)]

[DEFENDANT REID]

On or about July 27, 2023, in Ventura County, within the Central District of California, defendant STEPHEN REID knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute at least 400 grams, that is, approximately 499 grams, of a mixture and substance containing a detectible amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

COUNT SIX

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii)]

[DEFENDANT REID]

On or about July 27, 2023, in Ventura County, within the Central District of California, defendant STEPHEN REID knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute at least 50 grams, that is, approximately 377 grams, of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

[21 U.S.C. § 853; 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), in the event of any defendant's conviction of any of the offenses set forth in Counts One through Six of this Indictment.

2. A defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United States of America the following:

(a) All right, title and interest in any and all property, real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from such offense;

(b) All right, title and interest in any and all property, real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of such offense; and

(c) To the extent such property is not available for forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), and as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property if, by any act or omission of the defendant, the property described in the preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished

1 in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot
2 be divided without difficulty.

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4 A TRUE BILL

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